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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ROSEN ET AL.

Examiner

Sam Bhattacharya

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/25/06 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 21, 26, 31 and 36 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dutta (US 6,407,986) in view of Rao (US 6,272,334).

Regarding claims 21, 26, 31 and 36, Dutta discloses an apparatus and method for delivering information to a mobile station 110 in a group communication network, including a transmitter and receiver 176 that communicates information over a network, processor SPP coupled with the receiver and the transmitter, the processor encapsulates the information inside a frame, forwards the frame to a server 140 for delivery to the mobile station, and causes the server to extract the information from the frame and deliver the information to the mobile station on a forward common channel. See FIGS. 1 and 2, and col. 8, lines 26-50.

Dutta fails to disclose a communication network for push-to-talk communication.

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However, in an analogous art, Rao discloses call management communication system for push-to-talk communication in which a group identification number is extracted from a data message. See FIG. 1, col. 3, lines 44-64 and col. 5, lines 29-35. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the apparatus and method in Dutta by incorporating them into a push-to-talk communication network, as taught by Rao, for the purpose of enabling processing of dispatch communications of different groups of mobile stations by a single cell switching system.

4. Claims 22-24, 27-29, 32-34 and 37-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dutta in view of Rao and Wiberg et al. (US 6,628,946 B1).

Regarding claims 22, 27, 32 and 37, the combination of Dutta and Rao fails to specifically disclose delivering information when the mobile station is in idle state with no traffic channel. In an analogous art, Wiberg et al. disclose a system for broadcasting information in a mobile network in which information is delivered to a mobile station when the mobile station is in idle state with no traffic channel. See col. 17, lines 61-64 and col. 18, lines 6-11. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the delivering step in the combination of Dutta and Rao by delivering when the mobile station is in idle state, as taught by Wiberg et al., so that the mobile station does not need to repeatedly access the information at a remote location and consume unnecessary radio resources.

Regarding claims 23, 24, 28, 29, 33, 34, 38 and 39, Dutta fails to disclose that the forward common channel is a control or paging channel.

However, Wiberg et al. disclose a system for broadcasting information in a mobile network in which base station transmits frames to a mobile station over a control or paging channel. See col. 3, lines 24-49 and col. 13, lines 3-23. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method in the combination of Dutta and Rao by delivering the information over a control or paging channel, as taught by Wiberg et al., so that system data in the frames can be used to establish connection of call communication with the mobile station.

5. Claims 25, 30, 35 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dutta in view of Rao and Sayeedi (US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0145990 A1).

Regarding claims 25, 30, 35 and 40, the combination of Dutta and Rao fails to disclose delivering the information on the common channel in short data burst form.

Sayeedi discloses delivering information from a base station to a mobile station on a common control channel in short data burst form. See claim 2, lines 4-7. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the delivering step in the combination of Dutta and Rao by using a short data burst on the common control channel as taught by Sayeedi so that a minimal amount of bandwidth is used on the channel and traffic channels are not used up unnecessarily.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Bhattacharya whose telephone number is (571) 272-7917.

The examiner can normally be reached on Weekdays, 9-6, with first Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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